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Registration for Radford Conference – September 28

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Select one workshop preference from each time slot:

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- ☐ 1. HOME SWEET HOME ☐ 3. Domestic Violence In Later Life
☐ 2. What's Up with MySpace ☐ 4. Forensic Services

Afternoon — First Sessions:

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- ☐ 9. Legal Ethics ☐ 11. The Marriage Amendment
☐ 10. Stages of Change



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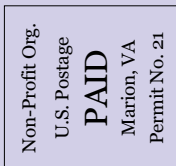
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Regional Conferences on Domestic Violence

**Addressing the legal and social needs
of victims of domestic violence, stalking,
and sexual assault, working to assure**

*Access to Justice and
Safety for All Victims*



**These conferences are for those who respond to
domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault:
domestic violence program employees,
legal aid staff, private attorneys, prosecutors,
law enforcement personnel, court professionals,
victim/witness staff, and social workers,
as well as others who want to make our
communities safer for all families.**

**Choose the conference time and place
that's best for you:**

**Thursday
September 28, 2006**

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Heth Student Center
Radford University
Radford, Virginia**

OR

**Friday
September 29, 2006**

9:00 am – 4:15 pm

**SWVA Higher Ed Center
I-81 - Exit 14
Abingdon, Virginia**

**Please use separate registration forms for each conference.
And please register early — space may be limited.**

Radford Conference

Thursday, September 28

MORNING WORKSHOPS (10:30 AM):

1. **HOME SWEET HOME.** This workshop will describe the Virginia laws that can help domestic violence victims and survivors maintain safe housing for themselves and their families. **Christie Marra** is the family law staff attorney for the Virginia Poverty Law Center.
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FIRST AFTERNOON SESSION WORKSHOPS (1:45 PM):

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SECOND AFTERNOON SESSION WORKSHOPS (3:15 PM):

9. **Legal Ethics.** Lawyers are bound by a code of ethics which require us to competently and zealously represent our clients. This session will explore some of the ethical issues specific to family law matters, including protective orders, custody, support and divorce. **Debra Sifford** is a senior staff attorney at the Christiansburg office of SVLAS specializing in Family Law and Domestic Violence cases.
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12. **Reaching Out to the Community.** If we are to have a lasting effect on the problems of domestic violence and sexual assault, we must educate and change attitudes in our own communities. This workshop will discuss methods of creating effective community education projects. **Lee Ogle** is the community development director for Family Resource Center. With an M.A. in Business & Professional Communications she has worked 15+ years in the field of marketing.

Plenary Speakers:

Veraunda I. Jackson, Esquire, served as Sex Crimes/Child Abuse Prosecutor in Orlando, Florida and is herself a survivor of sexual assault. Ms. Jackson is the author of *Everything Has a Price* and has provided training on sexual violence throughout the United States.

Isaac Van Patton, Ph.D., is Professor and Chair of the Criminal Justice Department of Radford University. Dr. Van Patten specializes in the study of interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, sexual homicide, domestic violence and child abuse.

The Honorable Philip Trompeter (Radford Conference) serves as Presiding Judge for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 23rd Judicial District and has served the court for the last 21 years.

The Honorable H. Lee Chitwood (Radford Conference) serves as Chief Judge for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 27th Judicial District of Virginia and has served the court for the last seven years.

Debra Sifford, Esquire, (Abingdon Conference) is Senior Staff Attorney at Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society specializing in family law and domestic violence cases.

AGENDA

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